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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

Many thanks for your letters of April 15 and May 4.

As a matter of fact, I was quite unaware that the AFL-CIO has Serafino Romualdi's papers, and I shall certainly take a look at them in due course. My inclination would be to view them with some skepticism because of his CIA connection, but then they might yield a few tidbits about the CIA's involvement in the Galindez case. Perhaps they will shed some light on something that has long been a minor puzzle to me: why the AFL-CIA executive board adopted and publicized a strong resolution about the Galindez case many months after it had begun and at a time when it was receiving relatively little press attention.

I enjoyed reading your April 13 letter to the CIA's Larry Strawderman, who periodically sends me the same stiff and uninformative missives. For some time I have known from a non-CIA source that their station chief in Ciudad Trujillo held a series of conversations with a senior Trujillo official before Galindez disappeared about a Dominican agent then operating in this country. Recently I chanced to reread their Vaughn entries about the reports (all totally denied) that exchange generated, most of which were written before the kidnapping and all of which I could fathom from their dates. The entries said that the conversations took place because the Dominican's information might be relevant to Galindez' disappearance or Murphy's murder--events which had not occurred yet. With a straight face I wrote the CIA asking about this discrepancy, and today I received the following reply: "With regard to the first question in your letter, the 14 September 1979 Owen affidavit speaks for itself." Nothing more. As you know, it is very difficult to prove bad faith on the CIA's part because they can cloak themselves in secrecy so much, but their Vaughn passage about this series of documents does strike me as deliberately misleading.

Please don't worry about the matter of the abstracts. Though I had not been aware of them, your letters, a conversation I had with Jim Lesar, and a paperback he gave me called Are You Now Or Have You Ever Been in the FBI Files explain them completely.

Sincerely yours,

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